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3.		Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:					
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5.		Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:					
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		application.

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